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NEW YORK TIMES

PAUL LEWIS FROM PARIS

NOTE: LEAD STORY. PICTURE OF VANCE AT OPENING OF CON-
FERENCE ON FRONT PAGE

LEAD: "SECRETARY OF STATE CYRUS R.VANCE SAID TODAY THAT
THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION WOULD ASK CONGRESS FOR AN EMER-
GENCY INCREASE OF \$375 MILLION IN AMERICAN FOREIGN AID THIS
YEAR 'TO HELP MEET THE MOST ACUTE NEEDS OF THE WORLD'S
POOREST NATIONS.'

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OTHER POINTS:

-- VANCE DISCLOSED CARTER ADMIN NOW FAVORS CONTINUATION IN
SOME FORM OF NORTH/SOUTH DIALOGUE.

-- GOAL OF CONF IS PROGRAM OF INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC
REFORMS TO HELP POORER COUNTRIES.

-- AID INCREASE INTENDED TO MEET AMERICAN CONTRIBUTION TO
\$1 BILLION SPECIAL ACTION PROGRAM, TO BE USED TO LIGHTEN

DEBT-REPAYMENT BURDEN OF POOREST COUNTRIES.

-- VANCE SUGGESTION FOR PRESERVATION OF TALKS IN SOME FORM SURPRISED MANY DELEGATES.

-- SPECULATION THAT VANCE TRYING TO DEMONSTRATE ADMIN'S COMMITMENT TO GOOD RELATIONS WITH DEVELOPING WORLD WHICH, IN TURN, COULD INCREASE PRESSURE ON OIL-EXPORTING COUNTRIES.

-- DIPLOMATS HAVE BEEN WARNING THAT FAILURE OF TALKS COULD BE TAKEN AS SIGN BY OIL MILITANTS, SUCH AS IRAN, AS INVITATION TO RAISE PRICE OF OIL.

-- IN SPEECH, SECSTATE "FIRMLY EMPHASIZED THE ADMINISTRATION'S COMMITMENT TO IMPROVE RELATIONS WITH THE DEVELOPING WORLD."

-- QUOTATIONS FROM SPEECH.

-- REMARKS TAKEN BY MANY DELEGATES AS SHOWING NEW ADMINISTRATION HAS GREATER SYMPATHY FOR DEVELOPING WORLD THAN REPUBLICAN PREDECESSOR.

-- VANCE OFFERED NO NEW SPECIFIC CONCESSIONS.

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-- IN GENERAL, VANCE SPEECH APPEARED WELL RECEIVED BY DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

-- ALGERIANS SAID VANCE SPEECH SHOWED UNDERSTANDING. VANCE SPOKE WITH ALGERIAN FORNMIN, AND AMERICAN OFFICIALS SAID THESE TALKS COULD LEAD TO BOUMEDIENE VISIT TO US AND POSSIBLY VANCE TRIP TO ALGERIA.

-- AMERICAN PROPOSAL FOR CONTINUING TALKS CLEARLY EMBARRASSED SOME DELEGATES. EEC COUNTRIES INDICATED THEY WERE EXHAUSTED WITH THE EXERCISE. ATTITUDE OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES LESS CLEAR.

WASHINGTON POST

LEAD STORY

JIM HOAGLAND FROM PARIS

LEAD: "THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION PLEDGED TODAY TO SEEK 'A SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE' IN AMERICAN FOREIGN AID OVER THE NEXT FIVE YEARS TO HELP CREATE 'A NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC SYSTEM' MORE FAVORABLE TO THE WORLD'S POOREST NATIONS."

OTHER POINTS:

-- VANCE PLACED HEAVY CONDITIONS ON PLEDGE IN SPEECH, MAINLY THAT AID WOULD HAVE TO BE MORE EFFECTIVELY PLANNED, DELIVERED AND ADMINISTERED.

-- NO IMMEDIATE INDICATION WHETHER NONINDUSTRIAL NATIONS WERE SATISFIED WITH VANCE'S PLEDGE OR WITH PROPOSALS AND CONCILIATORY TONE OF SPEECHES OF OTHER WESTERN REPRESENTATIVES.

-- TWO-YEAR OLD CONFERENCE IS DUE TO END WEDNESDAY IF UNCLASSIFIED

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AGREEMENT CAN BE REACHED ON PACKAGE OF MEASURES. INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES OFFERED SERIES OF LAST-MINUTE INCENTIVES TO SET ASIDE RADICAL DEMANDS AND TO DECLARE CONFERENCE BOTH ENDED AND A SUCCESS.

-- VANCE OFFERED \$375 MILLION AS PART OF \$1 BILLION FUND, AND EXPRESSED AMERICAN WILLINGNESS TO NEGOTIATE A COMMON FUND FOR SOME RAW MATERIALS.

-- LEAD POLITICALLY BY SUCH HARD-LINERS AS INDIA AND ALGERIA, BUT DOMINATED ECONOMICALLY BY CONSERVATIVE SAUDI ARABIA, GROUP OF 19 CAUCUSING INFORMALLY TO CHART COURSE.

-- OUTSTANDING DIFFERENCES CENTER ON COMPREHENSIVE COMMON FUND DEMANDED BY DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND RAW MATERIALS INDEX.

-- INDUSTRIAL COUNTRIES WANT TO SPLIT OFF A SEPARATE DIALOGUE ON ENERGY SUPPLIES AND RESOURCES, RESISTED BY OIL PRODUCERS.

-- AT BEGINNING OF TALKS, THIRD WORLD DELEGATES WERE CONVINCED KISSINGER SAW CONFERENCE AS USELESS, AT BEST, AND THAT US WOULD MAKE NO CONCESSIONS IN TALKS.

-- VANCE'S SPEECH DID NOT SEEK CONFRONTATION, ECHOING CARTER'S NOTRE DAME SPEECH ON NEW AMERICAN EFFORTS TO WIN FRIENDS IN THIRD WORLD.

-- VANCE ALSO WARNED THIRD WORLD THAT NEW STANDARDS OF EFFICIENCY WOULD BE SET AS CONDITIONS FOR FUTURE AID.

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ARTHUR HIGBEE FROM PARIS

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LEAD: "THIRD WORLD NATIONS UNANIMOUSLY CONDEMNED THE UNITED STATES AND ITS INDUSTRIALIZED PARTNERS TODAY FOR OFFERING ALLEGEDLY INSUFFICIENT HELP TO EASE THEIR PLIGHT AND WARNED THAT THE CURRENT ECONOMIC CONFERENCE IN PARIS WOULD SUCCEED ONLY IF THE WEST MADE LARGER OFFERS."

-- WARNING DESCRIBED BY SOME THIRD WORLD DELEGATES IN PRIVATE AS A VIRTUAL ULTIMATUM.

-- PEREZ-GUERRERO, G-19 SPOKESMAN, ACCUSED AMERICAN-LED BLOC OF RENEGING ON MOST THIRD WORLD REQUIREMENTS, SAYING WESTERN OFFERS ON MONDAY WERE FAR BELOW EXPECTATIONS.

-- PEREZ-GUERRERO SAID THEY WERE THERE IN SPIRIT OF CO-OPERATION AND HOPE THAT NEGOTIATIONS WILL YIELD RESULTS, BUT FURTHER EFFORTS ON PART OF INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES ARE REQUIRED.

-- "AN ATMOSPHERE OF TENSION PERVADED THE LOBBIES AND DARKENED CORRIDORS OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE CENTER."

-- VANCE EMERGED AS SPOKESMAN FOR INDUSTRIALIZED NATIONS WHEN HE MADE HIS SPEECH MONDAY.

-- QUOTES FROM SPEECH: NEW ECONOMIC SYSTEM, JOINING IN \$1 BILLION FUND.

-- VANCE ALSO SAID CARTER ADMINISTRATION WOULD HELP CREATE A FUND TO STABILIZE PRICES OF COMMODITIES SUCH AS COPPER AND TIN.

REUTERS

1. LIONEL WALSH FROM PARIS

LEAD: "PRESIDENT CARTER'S PLEDGE TO WORK FOR A NEW AND UNCLASSIFIED

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FAIRER INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER WILL BE PUT TO THE TEST OF THIRD WORLD REACTION TODAY."

OTHER POINTS:

-- US DETERMINATION TO MAKE NORTH/SOUTH DIALOGUE A SUCCESS PUTS AMERICAN PRESTIGE ON THE LINE.

-- EIGHT INDUSTRIAL PARTICIPANTS AT "CRISIS-RIDDEN" CONFERENCE PRESENTED A UNITED FRONT, READY TO SUPPORT CREATION OF COMMON FUND TO SUPPORT INDIVIDUAL COMMODITY AGREEMENTS.

-- OTHER MAIN OFFER IS \$1 BILLION PROGRAM TO HELP POOREST STATES.

-- ATTENTION MONDAY CONCENTRATED ON VANCE'S DETAILED EXPLANATION OF CARTER ADMINISTRATION'S NEW STANCE ON RELATIONS WITH DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

-- FIRST REACTIONS AMONG THIRD WORLD DELEGATES WERE MIXED, ALTHOUGH OPINION-FORMING COUNTRIES LIKE ALGERIA AND JAMAICA WERE READY TO WELCOME CHANGE OF TONE IN WASHINGTON.

-- KEY SENTENCE IN VANCE SPEECH "THERE SHOULD BE NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC SYSTEM"

-- PLEDGES ALONE WILL NOT SATISFY DEVELOPING NATIONS AND THEY NOW HAVE TO DECIDE WHETHER THEY CAN TAKE US AT ITS WORD AND LOOK FORWARD WITH CONFIDENCE TO PRACTICAL DEEDS.

-- DELEGATES SAID LIST OF ITEMS ON WHICH CONFERENCE COULD NOT YET AGREE WAS STILL LONGER THAN LIST OF POINTS SETTLED.

2. NO BYLINE. FROM PARIS.

LEAD: " THE UNITED STATES ASSURED INDIA TODAY THAT IT WILL UNCLASSIFIED

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BE FULLY CONSULTED AND INFORMED ABOUT THE PROJECTED US-SOVIET WORKING COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS THE ROLE OF THE TWO SUPERPOWERS IN THE INDIAN OCEAN."

OTHER POINTS:

-- ASSURANCE GIVEN IN PRIVATE MEETING BETWEEN VANCE AND INDIAN FORNMIN.

-- STATE DEPT SPOKESMAN SAID VANCE ALSO CONFIRMED THAT PRES CARTER HAD GIVEN GO-AHEAD FOR EMERGENCY SHIPMENT OF NUCLEAR FUEL.

-- SPOKESMAN SAID BOTH MINISTERS AGREED THAT RELATIONS BETWEEN US AND INDIA "HAVE NEVER BEEN BETTER."

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NO BYLINE. FROM PARIS.

LEAD: "SEN. JACOB JAVITS WARNED THE THIRD WORLD TODAY TO REACT 'WITH REASONABLENESS' TO THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION'S OFFERS OR RISK LOSING THE SYMPATHY OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE."

OTHER POINTS:

-- JAVITS AND RIBICOFF BOTH DEFENDED ADMINISTRATION AGAINST COMPLAINTS FROM UNDERDEVELOPED NATIONS THAT IT IS OFFERING THEM NOTHING NEW TO SOLVE THEIR BASIC ECONOMIC PROBLEMS.

-- SENATORS SAID DEVELOPING NATIONS NEED TO UNDERSTAND THAT NEW ADMINISTRATION CANNOT ACT OVERNIGHT.

-- VANCE, IN OPENING SPEECH, SAID US WOULD SUPPORT CREATION OF FUND AND RESERVE STOCKS TO STABILIZE SOME COMMODITY PRICES.

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-- VANCE ALSO PLEDGED \$375 CONTRIBUTION TO \$1 BILLION PROGRAM PROPOSED BY BRITAIN.

-- ALGERIAN SAID NO NEW PROPOSALS HAD BEEN PUT ON TABLE. NOT PESSIMISTIC BECAUSE HE HAD NEVER BEEN OPTIMISTIC ABOUT OUTCOME.

-- VANCE'S PROPOSALS IN EFFECT REJECTED POOR NATIONS' DEMANDS FOR MORATORIUM ON FOREIGN DEBTS, PEGGING OF PRICES FOR RAW MATERIALS TO PRICES OF MANUFACTURED GOODS AND NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER.

RADIO/TV

ABC

1. MONDAY EVENING, MAY 31. EVENING NEWS

HARRY REASONER: MOST OF THE NATIONS OF THE WORLD CAN BE DIVIDED INTO TWO GROUPS: THOSE WHO HAVE ARRIVED -- THE INDUSTRIALIZED, DEVELOPED COUNTRIES; AND THOSE WHO ARE STILL TRY NG TO GET THERE. REPRESENTATIVES OF THOSE TWO GROUPS OPENED A THREE-DAY MEETING IN PARIS TODAY CALLED THE NORTH-SOUTH DIALOGUES. SECRETARY OF STATE VANCE REPRESENTED THE UNITED STATES.

LOU CIOFFI:

THE THIRTY-FIVE NATIONS HERE ARE DISCUSSING ISSUES CALLED "COMMON FUNDS," "DEBT MORATORIUMS," "COMMODITY INDEXES." WHAT IT BOILS DOWN TO IS THE THIRD WORLD DEMANDING ITS SHARE OF THE MATERIAL BENEFITS ON THIS EARTH, AND THEY EXPECT THE DEVELOPED NATIONS TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT.

FOR TWO YEARS THEY'VE BEEN TRYING TO WORK OUT THE DETAILS. IT'S NOT EASY, BUT THERE IS A REALIZATION THAT ALL ECON-
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OMIES ARE INTERDEPENDENT, THAT THE ONLY WAY FOR THE

PROSPEROUS COUNTRIES TO MAINTAIN THEIR PROSPERITY IS TO HELP DEVELOP THE POORER ONES, WHAT SECRETARY OF STATE VANCE CALLES A NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC SYSTEM.

AND THIS IS NOT A DIALOGUE BETWEEN THE "HAVES" AND THE "HAVE-NOTS," BECAUSE AMONG THE "HAVE-NOTS" ARE COUNTRIES LIKE SAUDI ARABIA AND VENEZUELA. THEY HAVE PLENTY OF MONEY, AND ONLY NEED TECHNOLOGY. OTHERS, OF COURSE, NEED BOTH. AND THAT'S WHY SECRETARY VANCE HAS BEEN ARGUING THAT BLANKET MEASURES WON'T WORK, EACH COUNTRY MOST BE TREATED ACCORDING TO ITS PROBLEMS AND ITS NEEDS.

THE UNDERDEVELOPED COUNTRIES ARE ANXIOUS TO GET AS BIG A COMMITMENT AS THEY CAN. THE INDUSTRIAL NATIONS FEEL THERE ARE LIMITS. AND THAT'S WHAT THIS CONFERENCE IS TRYING TO DO: FIND THE MIDDLE GROUND.

SECRETARY VANCE HAS SPENT A LOT OF HIS TIME IN PRIVATE TALKS, ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT WITH VENEZUELA'S PEREZ-GUERRERO, CO-CHAIRMAN OF THE CONFERENCE AND CONSIDERED A SPOKESMAN FOR THE THIRD WORLD. BOTH EXPRESSED HOPE FOR SUCCESS, BUT MADE IT CLEAR AGREEMENT HAD NOT YET BEEN REACHED.

VANCE: WE TALKED ABOUT THE WORK OF THE CONFERENCE THIS MORNING, AND OUR HOPES FOR PROGRESS IN THE CONFERENCE. WE DISCUSSED SOME OF THE PROBLEMS THAT WE FACE, AND HOW WE CAN WORK TOGETHER TO TRY AND OVERCOME THESE PROBLEMS.

GUERRERO: I CONFIRM WHAT THE SECRETARY HAS SAID, AND WE HOPE TO BE IN THE SAME WAVE LENGTH AT THE END OF THIS CONFERENCE, AND WE ARE LOOKING FOR SUCCESS. IT'S NOT NEAR, BUT SOMETHING HAS TO BE DONE, AND WE WILL TRY TO (UNINTELLIGIBLE).
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CIOFFI: IT'S NO LONGER A QUESTION OF WHETHER THE DEVELOPED NATIONS ARE GOING TO HELP THE THIRD WORLD. APPARENTLY THEY'VE ALREADY DECIDED TO DO THAT. THE ONLY THING LEFT TO NEGOTIATE NOW IS, HOW MUCH IS IT GOING TO COST?

2. "GOOD MORNING, AMERICA" TUESDAY, 5/31

STEVE BELL: REPRESENTATIVES OF WEALTHY AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES CONTINUE THEIR ECONOMIC DIALOGUE IN PARIS, THE THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES CONSIDERING THE US OFFER OF INCREASED FINANCIAL AID, BUT WITH FAIRLY RESTRICTIVE STRINGS ATTACHED.

CIOFFI: ONE OF THE IRONIES OF THESE TALKS IS THE FACT THAT AMONG THE SO-CALLED "HAVE-NOT" COUNTRIES ARE

NATIONS LIKE SAUDI ARABIA AND VENEZUELA. BOTH ARE OIL RICH, BUT BOTH TECHNICALLY FIT THE DESCRIPTION OF BEING UNDERDEVELOPED. IN ADDITION THEY'RE PARTIALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ECONOMIC PROBLEMS THAT THE REALLY POOR COUNTRIES OF THE THIRD WORLD ARE HAVING AS A RESULT OF THE INCREASES IN THE PRICE OF OIL. THEIR WEAK ECONOMIES HAVE MADE THEM PARTICULARLY VULNERABLE TO THE SKY-ROCKETING COST OF ENERGY.

SECRETARY OF STATE VANCE HAS NOT MADE IT AN ISSUE, AND PROBABLY WILL NOT BECAUSE HE'S ANXIOUS TO KEEP THE TALKS WITH THE OIL PRODUCING COUNTRIES SEPARATE FROM THIS CONFERENCE BECAUSE IT'S TOUGH ENOUGH AS IT IS. HOWEVER, THE SECRETARY OF STATE IS OPTIMISTIC, AND HE CAME TO PARIS READY TO ASSURE EVERYONE THAT THE UNITED STATES IS PREPARED TO DO MORE THAN IT HAS IN THE PAST TO HELP THE THIRD WORLD, THAT IT'S READY TO MAKE SACRIFICES IF EVERYONE ELSE IS READY TO MAKE SACRIFICES.

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PETER KALISCHER ON CBS RADIO, TUESDAY MORNING

THE HARD BARGAINING AT THE NORTH-SOUTH ECONOMIC CONFERENCE

BEGAN TODAY WITH THE NINETEEN THIRD WORLD DEVELOPING NATIONS INSISTING THE EIGHT INDUSTRIALIZED NATIONS HAVE NOT PROPOSED ANY REAL SOLUTIONS TO THEIR PROBLEMS. THERE WERE DIFFERENCES INSIDE EACH CAMP, BUT THE HARD-LINING POORER NATIONS LED BY ALGERIA SAID THAT THEY HAD HEARD NOTHING NEW IN WHAT THE EIGHT RICH DESCRIBED AS GENEROUS OFFERS ON DEBT RELIEF, COMMODITY PRICE STABILIZATION, ENERGY AND THE PROTECTION OF THE PURCHASING POWER OF PRODUCERS. THE CONFERENCE WILL, NEVERTHELESS, DIVIDE UP INTO TOP-LEVEL COMMITTEES TO NEGOTIATE ON THESE MAJOR ISSUES.

REGARDING A FREEZE ON OIL PRICES, IRAN'S MINISTER AMUZEGAR EMERGING FROM A BREAKFAST WITH US SECRETARY OF STATE CYRUS VANCE HAD THIS TO SAY:

AMUZEGAR: IT DEPENDS ON THE INFLATION IN THE WORLD BECAUSE WE HAVE TO PROTECT THE PURCHASING POWER OF OUR REVENUE. IT'S ONLY A MATTER OF FACT. AND SO WE HOPE THAT THE INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES WILL BE ABLE TO CURB THE INFLATION SO THAT WE DON'T HAVE TO INCREASE THE PRICE OF OIL.

KALISCHER: THEN IT WAS BACK TO THE BARGAINING TABLE.

NBC

1. NIGHTLY NEWS, MONDAY 5/30

JOHN CHANCELLOR: IN PARIS TODAY AT A MEETING OF FOREIGN MINISTERS, SECRETARY OF STATE VANCE SAID THE UNITED STATES UNCLASSIFIED

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IS READY TO REDUCE THE MONEY GAP BETWEEN THE RICH AND POOR COUNTRIES. HE CALLED FOR A NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC SYSTEM. BUT THERE IS NO INDICATION THAT THIS THREE-DAY PARIS CONFERENCE WILL DO ANYTHING BUT CONTINUE THE DIALOGUE ABOUT HOW THAT SYSTEM SHOULD WORK.

2. TODAY SHOW, TUESDAY, 5/31

FRED BRIGGS: (FROM PARIS) THIS CONFERENCE ACTUALLY BEGAN EIGHTEEN MONTHS AGO, BUT THE US ROLE IN IT HAS CHANGED A BIT WHEN THE ADMINISTRATION CHANGED IN WASHINGTON. SEVERAL THIRD WORLD DIPLOMATS SAY THE UNITED STATES SEEMS TO LISTEN MORE NOW, THAT THE USUAL DIPLOMATIC EUPHEMISMS HAVE A LITTLE MORE SINCERITY TO THEM.

THERE ARE SIX AREAS UNDER DISCUSSION HERE, BUT THE MAJOR CONCERNS ARE A SO-CALLED COMMON FUND CREATED BY THE RICH NATIONS TO ACT AS A BUFFER IN ANY WORLD COMMODITY PRICE

CHANGE, A CHANGE BROUGHT ON BY NEW DEMAND OR BY INFLATION. THE EUROPEAN COMMON MARKET ALSO PROPOSES A BILLION DOLLAR SPECIAL FUND TO HELP POOR COUNTRIES PAY OFF DEBTS OWED TO THE RICH COUNTRIES.

SECRETARY VANCE SPECIFICALLY OFFERED \$325 MILLION AS A PART OF THAT BILLION DOLLARS. IT'S NOT WHAT THE POOR COUNTRIES REALLY WANTED. THEY HAD HOPED TO GET A BLANKET MORATORIUM ON ALL THEIR DEBTS, BUT THE US AND OTHERS OPPOSED THAT. BEYOND THAT, THE POOR COUNTRIES ARE GETTING MOSTLY A LOT OF PROMISES.

THE KEY TO IT ALL IS WHAT EFFECT THIS CONFERENCE HAS ON SOME OTHER CONFERENCES, SPECIFICALLY THE OPEC CONFERENCE COMING UP IN JULY. IF OPEC BELIEVES THE INDUSTRIAL NATIONS HAVE BEEN GENEROUS AND SINCERE IN THEIR EFFORTS TOWARD THE THIRD WORLD, THEY MIGHT BE LESS INCLINED UNCLASSIFIED

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TO RAISE OIL PRICES THEN. OR, SO IT IS HOPED.

KEN FREED ON ABC RADIO

SECRETARY OF STATE VANCE PRODUCED PLANS FOR CLOSING THE

ECONOMIC GAP BETWEEN THE WORLD'S RICH AND POOR COUNTRIES. THE SECRETARY TOLD THE OPENING SESSION OF THE CONFERENCE ON INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION THAT THE UNITED STATES WOULD OFFER LIMITED ADDITIONAL AID TO THE UNDERDEVELOPED WORLD, AND WOULD TRY TO HELP TO STABILIZE THE PRICE OF COMMODITIES. BUT HE ADDED THERE WAS NEED FOR THE WORK TO CONTINUE, THAT THE ISSUES COULDN'T BE SOLVED IN JUST THREE DAYS IN PARIS. REPRESENTATIVES OF THE UNDER-DEVELOPED NATIONS AT THE CONFERENCE WERE SCHEDULED TO REACT TO VANCE LATER ON. BUT IT WAS CLEAR THEY DID NOT LIKE THE US APPROACH. AN ALGERIAN REPRESENTATIVE TOLD THE ASSOCIATED PRESS THAT HE HAD HEARD NOTHING NEW FROM VANCE, AND HE INDICATED THAT THE CONFERENCE WOULD END IN FAILURE IF IT CONTINUED AT ITS PRESENT RATE.

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